

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****General Management Plan Revision, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan Revision, Petrified Forest National Park.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(c), the National Park Service announces the availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan Revision, Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona.

**DATES:** The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan Revision are available from Lee Baiza, Superintendent, Petrified Forest National Park, P.O. Box 2217, Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona 86028, (928)524-6228. The plan is also available on the Internet at: <http://planning.nps.gov/plans.cfm>.

Public reading copies of the document will be available for review at the following locations:

Petrified Forest National Park, P.O. Box 2217, Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona 86028, Telephone: (928) 524-6228.

Planning and Environmental Quality, Intermountain Support Office—Denver, National Park Service, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228, Telephone: (303) 987-6671.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent, Petrified Forest National Park, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: May 5, 2004.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Draft Environmental Impact Statement for General Management Plan; Middle and South Forks Kings River Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan; North Fork Kern River Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan; Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Tulare and Fresno Counties, CA; Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement assessing potential impacts of alternative approaches for future management of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, in central California. The original public comment period has been extended an additional two months from the original August 5, 2004 deadline.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to provide written comments—to be considered any response must now be postmarked (or electronically transmitted) no later than October 6, 2004.

All responses should be addressed to the Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, 47050 Generals Highway, Three Rivers, CA 93271 (or submitted by e-mail to [Susan\\_Spain@nps.gov](mailto:Susan_Spain@nps.gov)). If individuals submitting comments request that their name or/and address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always, NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

To obtain a copy of the DEIS please contact the park at (559) 565-3101. Ten public meetings will be held throughout the state from July 14 to July 22; full details are available by phone or via the internet at <http://www.nps.gov/seki/pphtml/documents.html>, click on Management Documents.

Dated: July 14, 2004.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****White-Tailed Deer Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Catoctin Mountain Park, Maryland**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan, Catoctin Mountain Park.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for a White-tailed Deer Management Plan for Catoctin Mountain Park. The purpose of this action is to develop a range of alternatives for white-tailed deer management that supports forest regeneration providing for long-term protection, conservation, and restoration of native species and cultural resources. Management of white-tailed deer is needed because the white-tailed deer population in the park has been continually increasing, and browsing by large number of deer in Catoctin Mountain Park could adversely affect park resources and natural processes such as species of special concern, forest regeneration, and cultural landscapes.

Preliminary alternatives to meet these objectives include fencing and repellents, reproductive control, direct reduction, a special public hunt, and a combination of these management strategies. A no action alternative will also be analyzed.

**DATES:** The Park Service will accept comments from the public until September 24, 2004. In addition, the National Park Service intends to conduct public scoping meetings in the Catoctin Mountain Park area. Please check local newspapers, the park's Web site (<http://www.nps.gov/cato>) or contact the name listed below to find out when and where these meetings will be held.

**ADDRESSES:** Information will be available for public review and comment at the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center at 6602 Foxville Road (intersection of Maryland Route 77 and Park Central Road).